and development under the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the names of the identified monuments; and

(c) the total amount of funds earmarked and allocated so far for such development activities, State-wise and year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) The Archaeological Survey of India had identified over five hundred Centrally protected monuments for structural conservation, chemical preservation and development under the Tenth Five Year Plan.

As there has been almost a 50% increase in the revised estimates, a fresh exercise is under way for allocating the monument-wise requirement of funds for the current as well as for the remaining year of the Plan period.

The requisite information will be laid on the Table of the House.

Setting up of National Tourism Fund

748. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to set up a National Tourism Fund;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Department of Tourism, Government of India took up the issue of setting up of Tourism Development Fund with the Planning Commission. The idea of setting up of Tourism Development Fund has been dropped as it was felt that critical infrastructure development can be made through budgetary support of the Department and a separate fund would not be necessary for this.